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U. S. GAME PROTECTOR HONORED
BY WALTONIANS AT BANQUET

In appreciation of his fearless efforts to enforce the Federal game laws in the State of Illinois, Kenneth F. Roahen, United States game protector of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, was presented with a platinum watch and chain by the Chicago chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America at the banquet held on the evening of April 19 at the Stevens Hotel in that city in conjunction with the seventh annual convention of the League.

The president of the Chicago chapter in presenting the gift in the presence of about 700 guests reviewed Mr. Roahen's activities in the cause of wildlife protection since he was appointed game protector in that district in 1924. He cited the fact that on one occasion Mr. Roahen was ambushed by game-law violators on the Illinois River and seriously injured; told how he had been shot at several times by violators, and how attempts had been made to destroy his motor boat and injure or kill him; and mentioned the letter received by Mr. Roahen from former Secretary of Agriculture Jardine in commendation of his bravery last December in arresting two violators of Federal game laws, who, with two others, held guns on him for several minutes while he was attempting to apprehend them.

The watch presented to Mr. Roahen was inscribed as follows: "Presented to Kenneth F. Roahen, who repeatedly has risked his life in resisting the lawless destruction of wild life, by the Chicago Chapter, Izaak Walton League." The guests assembled in the banquet room expressed their endorsement of the action of the chapter by a standing vote of appreciation.

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